

REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the subject application.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1, 2, 5-22, and 25-28 are pending.

Claims 1, 2, and 5-22 have been allowed.

Claims 25-28 are canceled.

Rejection Under 35 USC §103(a)

Claims 25-28 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over USPN 6,678,421 to Daniell et al. (hereinafter "Daniell") and Yang et al., "A Semantic Classification and Composite Indexing Approach to Robust Image Retrieval", IEEE, 1999 (hereinafter "Yang").

Claims 25-28 are canceled, thus rendering the rejection thereof moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of all the foregoing, it is submitted that all pending claims of the present application are all in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited. In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss the matters.

No extensions of time or additional fees are believed to be due with respect to the submission of this Amendment. However, if an extension of time is deemed necessary, Applicants hereby request such extension of time and authorize the Office to charge any associated fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0463.

Respectfully submitted,

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